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IN THE CLAIMS

The claims of the patent application are as follows:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Canceled).
5. (Previously presented) A consumer electronics device, comprising
a memory which stores account information for an account holder and sub-credit limits and
bioauthentication information for authorized users of the account;
a bioauthentication device which provides bioauthentication information to the memory;
a communication link; and
a processor, which compares received bioauthentication information to stored
bioauthentication information to detect a match, and finds an associated sub-credit limit
corresponding to the received bioauthentication information, to enable a purchase over the response
network via the communication network up to a maximum of the sub-credit limit, the processor
sending the account holder information over the communication link only if the match is detected
and the sub-credit limit is not exceeded.
6. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the
bioauthentication device is a fingerprint sensor.

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7. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the fingerprint sensor is located on a remote control for the consumer electronics device.
8. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the bioauthentication device is a voice sensor.
9. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed in claim 5, for receiving an advertisement and for causing the advertisement to be displayed, and wherein upon receipt of an authorized user's bioauthentication information the processor initiates a buy command to the advertiser through the communication network.
10. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed in claims 5, 6 or 7 wherein the consumer electronics device is a set top box.
11. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed in claims 5, 6 or 7 wherein the consumer electronics device is a television.

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12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously presented) A device for locally controlling access to an account, comprising:

- a local storage device for storing account information of an account holder and sub-credit limits and bioauthentication information for authorized users of the account;
- a bioauthentication device for obtaining bioauthentication information from authorized users and an account holder;
- a processor for changing sub-credit limits on the storage device in response to a request from the account holder, provided the account holder has provided bioauthentication information which matches bioauthentication information stored on the local storage device for the account holder, and
- a communication network for authorizing a transaction on the account and sending the account holder's information in response to a request from an authorized user or account holder provided that the bioauthentication information provided by the authorized user or account holder matches the bioauthentication information of the authorized user or account holder stored on the local storage device and that the transaction does not exceed the sub-credit limit storage on the local storage device of the authorized user or account holder making the request.

14. (Previously presented) A consumer electronics device, comprising:

- a memory which stores a profile of a user, the profile indicates access levels of the user, and

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sub credit limits of authorized users of an account;

- a bioauthentication device which provides bioauthentication information to the memory;
- a communication link, and
- a processor, which compares received

bioauthentication information to stored bioauthentication information to detect a match, and detects the access levels of the profile associated with the matching bioauthentication information to determine whether requested access over the communication link can be given based on the received bioauthentication information, and whether the subcredit limit associated with the received bioauthentication information is enough to complete a requested transaction and sending the account holder information across the communication link only if there is a match and the subcredit limit it not exceeded.

15. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed is claim 14, wherein the memory also stores bioauthentication information of a profile maker, and wherein upon receipt of the profile maker's bioauthentication information the processor permits the profiles in the memory to be modified by the profile maker.

16. (Original) The consumer electronics device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the profile holds parental control information.

17. (Canceled).